



INDICATIONS BIG STRIKE

Situation in Russia Is Not Improved.

BIG CONCERNS STRIKE

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THE CENSORSHIP IS SEVERE

In Spite of it, However, the Papers Who Have Been Ordered to Suspend Publication, Are Appearing Under Assumed Names—Insurgents Active.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—The strike promises to be on far more extensive a scale than any previous movement of the kind. It is ascertained tonight that many of the largest works, including Putiloff and Nobel concerns, will cease operations tomorrow. Almost all the papers suspended by the censorship are appearing under assumed names and meeting with huge sales. It is said the insurgents captured the state treasury at Teum in the province of Courland. The Railway Union at Moscow has resolved to run troop trains from Manchuria and convey grain to the famine stricken districts.

Fire Department Strikes.
Warsaw, Dec. 20.—Employees of the fire department struck today and refuse to take out the apparatus unless an increase in salary is granted. Advances from St. Petersburg state the railroad men of the capital will strike tonight. It is believed the men on the Warsaw railroads will join the strike Friday. It is reported from Nicolaieff, that two infantry regiments have revolted today and a sanguinary fight has ensued. Details are lacking.

NOTHING DOING.
New York, Dec. 20.—The Armstrong Committee devoted its session today to the Washington Life, Germania Life and the Bankers' Insurance Companies. The testimony was devoid of sensation.

MURDERS AND SUICIDES.
Denver, Dec. 20.—As the outcome of a disagreement years ago when William Wilson and J. D. Henderson dissolved partnership in the cattle business, Henderson shot and killed Wilson today and then committed suicide. Henderson made a similar attempt two years ago.

TSI ANNE GETS BUSY.
Pekin, Dec. 20.—The Dowager Empress today issued an edict commanding the Viceroy, Yuan Shi Kai, the commander of the Chinese army, to go to Shanghai and investigate the recent disturbances and secure punishment against those implicated.

SCOTT, DEATH VALLEY MINER IS MURDERED

Los Angeles, Dec. 20.—It is confidently believed that Walter Scott, the cowboy miner, was murdered in Death Valley, December 1st, having left the mine on a mule carrying \$1800 and two re-

Rate Legislation.
Washington, Dec. 20.—The only feature in the session of the Senate today was a brief discussion of rate legislation by Culberson and Foraker. The Ohio Senator reiterated his position on the subject, declaring he differed from other Senators only as to the remedies for the evils complained of.

BIRTHDAY PRESENT.
Senator Clark Gives Granddaughter One Million Dollars.
San Francisco, Dec. 20.—A granddaughter to Senator W. A. Clark was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Clark, today. The Senator announced immediately he would give the little girl a dowry of \$1,000,000.

NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.
Washington, Dec. 20.—The confirmation by the Senate of the nominations of the members of the Isthmian canal commission was re-considered today in executive session, and the notification to the President re-called. At the preceding decision, the charges made by the minority against "Railroading" nominations, and the confirmations were not made according to the rules of the Senate. It is understood the object of the minority is to permit a protest against Chairman Shonts of the commission for holding the presidency of the Clover Leaf Railroad.

IS FOUND GUILTY

Austin Francis Convicted of Murdering His Sweetheart.

KILLING WAS MOST BRUTAL

Murderer First Gave Girl Carbolic Acid, Then Choked Her, and Dragging Her Body to the Creek Throws Heavy Stone On Her Head.

Kansas City, Dec. 20.—Austin Francis, charged with the murder a month ago of his sweetheart, Winona Newton, a fifteen-year-old girl, was found guilty of murder in the first degree this afternoon. The girl, who lived with her father and younger sisters on the outskirts of town, was miserably poor. She had been ill. Francis promised money for her to see the physician. They met late one afternoon on a small bridge near home. She was not heard of again. Next morning her body, badly cut and bruised, with a stone weighing 150 pounds, resting on her head, was found in the creek. At the trial it was disclosed that Francis had given her carbolic acid saying it was the medicine she needed. The acid failed to work fast enough, so he choked her to death. He feared she was still alive, and dragged the body to the creek, and placed a large stone on her head. Francis, a switchman, 27 years old, was arrested the day following the murder.

SALT LAKE FIRE.

One Hundred and Seventy Five Thousand Dollar Conflagration in Mormon City
Salt Lake, Dec. 20.—Fire tonight destroyed the extensive repair shops of the Rio Grand Western. So fierce were the flames that for a time it was feared the fire would extend to the freight yards. The loss is estimated at \$175,000. Two hundred men will be thrown out of employment.

ROBERT FITZSIMMONS IS DEFEATED

COLLAPSES IN 13TH ROUND OF FIGHTING

Puts Up Remarkable Exhibition of Courage and Receives Terrible Punishment O'Brien Is Too Shifty and Keeps Him From Landing.

FITZSIMMONS SAYS HE WILL RETIRE FROM RING FOREVER

O'Brien Gives Remarkable Exhibition of Sparring and Footwork—He Ducked, Dodged, Side-stepped in a Bewildering Manner to Fitzsimmons Who Would Swing and Find Only Empty Air, and Several Times He Nearly Went Through the Ropes from the Force of Misspent Blows.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Robert Fitzsimmons collapsed after the close of the thirteenth round of his fight with Jack O'Brien. He had fought a hard fight but nature could no longer endure the strain, and after the gong rang for the close of the round, and after he had gone to his corner, as he sat in his chair, his head fell over his breast, his whole body collapsed, and the fighting wonder of the age was "all in." Referee Graney saw his condition, and awarded the fight to O'Brien. While punched in the face and badly cut up and several times in jeopardy, Fitzsimmons always managed to come and resume the fight. Just at the close of the thirteenth round he landed a hard left on O'Brien stomach and O'Brien came back with a similar blow and followed it with a left to the jaw. As Fitzsimmons sat down in his corner, he said to Graney, "Eddie, he hit me in the stomach and it is all over." After the fight was awarded to O'Brien, Fitzsimmons slipped to the floor and lay prostrate in the ring. A doctor was called as it was feared, he was in a state of collapse. Fitzsimmons revived however, and was able to leave the ring. O'Brien gave a remarkable exhibition of sparring and footwork.

He ducked, dodged, and side-stepped in a bewildering manner to Fitzsimmons, who would swing and find only empty air, and several times he nearly went through the ropes from the force of misspent blows. The Philadelphia man had laid his plans well, and could not be coaxed within range of the old fighter's dangerous punch. Before leaving the ring Fitzsimmons made a little speech in which he said he had done the best he could and had fought his last fight.

Fits in Fine Form.
San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Bob Fitzsimmons and Philadelphia Jack O'Brien will meet in Mechanics' Pavilion in a twenty-round bout tonight under the auspices of the Yosemite Athletic Club. Wide-spread interest is being taken in the bout, especially as the word has gone forth that Fitzsimmons is in good form. In what betting was done yesterday Fitzsimmons was the public choice at odds of 8 to 10. Not a great volume of money was handled at that price, but heavy wagering is expected today. Both men will enter the ring perfectly trained and in the best of condition. Both men are extremely confident of victory. It is expected that the bout will be witnessed by an immense crowd.

COMMERCIAL MUSEUM.

Yale Will Soon Have a Valuable Exhibition Installed.
New Haven, Conn., Dec. 20.—Yale is to have a commercial museum. This announcement was made last night following the arrival of a shipment of valuable plant and textile collections from the Department of Agriculture. The shipment, which filled two cars, included the important exhibits of the government at the Portland Exposition, besides additional gifts from the Department of Agriculture and the Canadian Pacific Railroad. Among them are the Alaskan, Porto Rican, and Hawaiian collections shown at Portland, which are almost invaluable, and cases of material showing plant breeding, drugs, poisonous plants and products, illustrations of plant introduction, fibres, and grass and forage plant seeds. The museum is to be used in the course in commercial geography. The collections were received through the interest taken in the Yale museum by Secretary Wilson and others.

STOPS AUTOMOBILE.

Bicycle Policeman Arrests Woman in Auto for Exceeding Speed Limit.
New York, Dec. 20.—An automobile in which Mrs. Mark Hanna, the widow of the Senator, was riding in company with a woman, was stopped by bicycle Policeman Hickey of the West 152nd street station late yesterday after a long chase. Hickey ordered William Hayes,

the driver, to go to the Harlem police court. When they arrived there the court had adjourned and the sitting magistrate had gone. Then Hickey obliged Hayes to take the machine to the station house. There Mrs. Hanna gave \$100 cash bail for the driver. She complained bitterly of the arrest. She said the automobile had not been exceeding the speed limit. She also complained of the futile five-mile excursion to the court. Hickey said the car was going thirty miles an hour. He said he chased it along Riverside Drive from Seventeenth to 188th street.

WILL BOOM WASHINGTON.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 19.—A conference last night at the Chamber of Commerce of representatives of a number of the commercial bodies of the leading cities of the state a call was drafted and approved for a meeting to be held at Tacoma January 4th to formulate plans for advertising the State of Washington under the direction of Governor Mead and former Commissioner Johnson of the Lewis and Clark fair. Each commercial body is to be allowed one delegate and the Governor and executive commissioner are also to be members of the committee.

GEARIN GETS THERE.

Washington, Dec. 20.—United States Senator Gearin, of Oregon, reached Washington today. He will be sworn in tomorrow.

SENTENCED FOR CONSPIRACY.

New York, Dec. 20.—A. H. Hummel, a lawyer, was today convicted of conspiracy in connection with the Dodge-Morse divorce case. He was sentenced within a few minutes after the jury's verdict, to one year's imprisonment and \$500 fine. A motion to arrest judgment was denied, and Hummel was taken to the cells. Depending upon the result of this case are actions in other indictments against prominent persons which have grown out of the Dodge-Morse case. Hummel was released tonight on \$10,000 bail on a writ of reasonable doubt secured from Judge Woodward, of the Supreme Court of Brooklyn.

BLOWING SOME.

Storm in Jacksonville Does Slight Damage—Wind Fifty Miles Per Hour.
Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 20.—A storm swept Jacksonville and the surrounding country this afternoon for a few hours, cutting off telegraphic communication with the outside world. In Jacksonville no damage was done beyond blowing down a few signs and the injury to a few roofs. The local weather office reports the wind velocity at fifty miles per hour.

ABOLISH FOOTBALL.

New York, Dec. 20.—Columbia University faculty today abolished football at Columbia.

AN EXPENSIVE FIRE

Ferry Terminal Delaware And Lackawanna Burn.

LOSS IS HALF MILLION

Structures Were Supposedly Fire-proof, But Not Withstanding This Fact They Were Totally Destroyed—No Lives Were Lost—Fire Finally Checked.

New York, Dec. 20.—The Delaware and Lackawanna, which a few months ago suffered the loss of their Hoboken terminal building by fire, today sustained a still heavier loss when the new and supposedly fire-proof steel ferry terminals at the foot of west Twenty-third street was burned to the ground. The flames were communicated to the new ferry building of the New Jersey Central and this structure was almost totally destroyed. For a time fire threatened the Pennsylvania's and three other ferry houses, but these were saved. The loss is more than half a million. No lives were lost.

'SHOOT CLAY PIGONS.'

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—The house continued to "Shoot Clay Pigeons" today, as one member remarked, the debate on the several topics continued five hours. It was understood that with the adjournment today the debate on the President's Message ended. The house agreed to take conference report on the Panama appropriation bill.

GUILTY OF MURDER.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 20.—John Schneider, fourteen years old, was found guilty of murder in the second degree and recommended to the mercy of the court, for complicity in the murder of Thomas Cook of Fruitvale last July.

"BLACK HAND" BELIEVED TO BE IMPLICATED

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Angelo Napoli was today placed on trial for the murder of Giuseppe Brogardo last January. Out of this murder is believed to have grown the slaughter and dismemberment of Braggio Villardo, who it is

ARE MURDERED BY BANDITS

Four Americans are Slaughtered in Mexico.

Men Try to Defend Themselves But Are Mercilessly Shot Down.

BANDITS PROBABLY ESCAPE

Mexican Officers With Soldiers Sent On Trail of Murderers, But Little Hope Is Entertained That They Will Succeed in Capturing Them.

El Paso, Dec. 20.—Details of the murder near Diaz, state of Chihuahua, Mexico, of Robert Rutherford and M. C. Murray of Philadelphia, and the wounding of H. L. Finstead, of Los Angeles and another man, are slow in coming in. A private report states the men were returning from Diaz to Rutherford's ranch when overtaken by bandits. The men attempted to escape, but seeing it was impossible, gave battle. They were outnumbered several times and mercilessly shot down. Mexican officers are on the trail but the bandits have evidently escaped into rough country.

HEARS ARGUMENTS.

New York Judge Listens to Lawyer in \$250,000 Suit.
New York, Dec. 20.—Justice Fitzgerald, in the Supreme Court, yesterday heard arguments and reserved decisions upon an application made by William B. Hornblower, counsel for William K. Vanderbilt, Frederick W. Vanderbilt, Chauncey M. Depew, and other defendants, directors of the New York & Harlem Railroad Company, to strike from the complaint in the suit of Graham F. Blaney, Rose S. Sherman and Henriette F. Sherman against the directors, certain allegations said to have been redundant and immaterial. The suit is brought to recover \$250,000, alleged to have been wasted by reason of the improvident and unwise sale of \$18,000,000 of bonds of the New York and Harlem Railroad Company by the defendants in 1897. It is claimed that the directors of the New York Central and Hudson River & New York & Harlem Railroad Companies were in most instances the same, and that the sale was managed by the directors of both companies, through a syndicate formed among them to profit by the sale of the bonds.

PUBLISHED ALL FACTS.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Controller of the Currency Ridgely stated today that the newspapers had published all the facts regarding the failure of the Chicago banks and nothing he could say would add materially to what was published. Ridgely stated that no money was stolen or a shortage of securities as in the case of the Enterprise bank. He attributes the failure to the overconfidence of John R. Walsh in his own abilities, which resulted in Walsh undertaking too much for his capital.